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Survey

Progress of Survey and Settlement operations in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 1804 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the survey and settlement operations have been completed in Godavari, East and West, and Kistna ;

(b) if not, at what stage they are ;

(c) what the amount spent on them up till now is ; and

(d) how much of this would be recovered from the ryots concerned ?

A.—(a) & (b)—*Survey Operations* have been almost completed in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna. There remain to be surveyed certain land in the non-Government villages of the Ellore taluk, the rented villages of Yellavaram and the non-koya villages of Polavaram.

Settlement Operations.—East and West Godavari districts. The revision of the registration of holdings, the description of lands and the classification of sources and the writing up of new registers has been completed in the following taluks :—

West Godavari district.

1. Narasapur (old).
2. Tanuku (old).
3. Bhimavaram (old).

East Godavari district.

1. Razole.
2. Amalapur.
3. Ramachandrapur.
4. Chodavaram (division).

Such work is in progress in the following taluks :—

West Godavari district.

1. Ellore (upland).
2. Nidadavole.
3. Chintalapudi.
4. Tadepalligudem.

East Godavari district.

1. Cocanada.
2. Peddapur.
3. Rajahmundry.
4. Yellavaram (division).
5. Polavaram (division).

The work has not yet been taken up in the delta tract of Ellore taluk.

Kistna district.

The revision of the registration of holdings, the description of lands and the classification of sources and the writing up of new registers has been completed in the Divi taluk and is in progress in the following taluks :—

1. Bandar.
2. Gudivada.
3. Bezwada.
4. Kaikalur.
5. Nandigama.
6. Gannavaram (Zamin).

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The work has not yet been taken up in the following taluks :—
1. Nuzvid (Zamin Deputy Tahsildar's division).
2. Tiruvur (Zamin Deputy Tahsildar's division).

(*c*) The amount spent on survey and resettlement up to the end of 1927–28 is given below :—

Districts.	Survey.	Resettlement.
	RS.	RS.
East Godavari	7,33,587	4,33,657
West Godavari ... ... } Kistna ... ... }	9,09,201	7,49,928

Later figures are not available.

(*d*) No portion of the cost of the resettlement operations is recovered from the ryots.

In regard to survey charges, under section 8 of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, VIII of 1923, only the cost of the labour employed and of the survey marks used in the survey is recovered from the ryots. The rules for the determination of the rates at which the survey charges have to be levied (i.e., rules framed under section 26, clause (2) (*g*) of Act VIII of 1923) have already been published. Cost rates (of the work chargeable to ryots) are worked out periodically under the rules and communicated to Collectors. The average rates per acre in respect of the taluks in the three districts completed up to 1927–28 are given below :—

Year.	District.	Taluk.	Average cost per acre. In fields of 50 acres and less. Dry.	Average cost per acre. In fields of 50 acres and less. Wet.	Average cost per acre. In fields of over 50 acres.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1922–23 ..	Godavari	Razole (Delta tract) ..	0 13 2	0 13 2	..
1923–24 ..	Kistna	Narasapur (Delta tract).	0 12 11	0 12 11	.
1924–25 ..	Do.	Divi (Delta tract) ..	0 8 3	0 8 3	..
1925–26 ..	Do.	Do. ..	0 8 9	0 8 9	(Revised).
Do. ..	West Godavari ..	Tanuku	0 11 11	0 11 11	0 3 0
Do. ..	Kistna	Bandar	0 8 2	0 8 2	0 2 ½
1926–27 ..	West Godavari ..	Bhimavaram	0 10 7½	0 10 7½	0 2 8
Do. ..	East Godavari ..	Ramachandrapuram.	0 9 7	0 9 7	0 2 5
Do. ..	Do. .	Amalapuram	0 10 8½	0 10 8½	0 2 8
Do. ..	Kistna	Gudivada	0 7 10	0 7 10	0 1 11½
Do. ..	Do.	Bandar (inam lands).	0 10 4	0 10 4	Nil.
1927–28 ..	Do.	Bezwada	0 6 8	0 6 8	0 1 8
Do. ..	East Godavari ..	Cocanada	0 7 8½	0 7 8½	0 1 11
Do. ..	Do. ..	Rajahmundry ..	0 3 9	0 3 9	0 0 11

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" With regard to the description of lands, may I know whether the reclassification of the permanently improved lands which was recently ordered by Government would be put into operation without waiting for the introduction of the revision settlement ? "

The hon. Sir N. MARJORIBANKS ;— " No, Sir."

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Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know the reason why it should not be brought into operation, I mean the reclassification of the permanently improved lands?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Ordinarily it would not be done but if the hon. Member wishes that the matter should be specially looked into, I shall do so."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"With regard to the writing up of new registers, may I know with regard to what taluk or taluks, these registers are completely written up on the basis of the existing rates and with regard to what taluk or taluks these registers are being written up keeping the rates column blank?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I must ask for notice. I do not know whether the existing rates are written up or left blank."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"I know as a matter of fact that the rates column is left blank with regard to some taluks. May I know whether the Government will be pleased to order that these new registers should be written up completely for all the taluks filling up the rates columns on the basis of the existing rates?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The rates column would not be filled up until the decision has been come to in the matter. We are waiting for the report of the committee."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know why it is in regard to certain taluks only the rates column is being filled up on the basis of the existing rates?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I did not know there was that difference."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether Government has issued an order to the Secretary of the East Godavari Association that it has accepted the report of Mr. Holdsworth?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Not that I am aware of, Sir."

Civil Justice

Extension of the additional sub-court at Bezwada.

* 1805 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the term of the additional sub-court at Bezwada was extended from May 1928 to December 1928 and again has been extended till March 1929;

(*b*) whether the Bar Association protested against the continuance of the said additional sub-court by communicating to the Government on 1st, April 1928, 29th April 1928, 21st November 1928 and again on 4th February 1929 that the said additional sub-court was unnecessary and that its location was causing inconvenience to the bar and the public;

(*c*) what the cost of the establishment of the said additional sub-court per month is;